Courthouse Seismic Surcharge

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

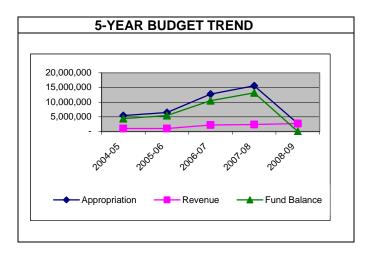
Funding for this special revenue budget comes from a \$35 surcharge on civil filings as authorized by Government Code section 70624. Surcharge revenues are slated to be used for the Central Courthouse seismic retrofit/remodel project.

In prior years, this surcharge revenue was accounted for in two separate special revenue funds – one fund for filings involving issues greater than \$25,000 and one fund for filings involving issues less than \$25,000 - because separate legislation authorized each category. The surcharge is now codified in the same Government Code section and this separation is no longer necessary. These revenues are now combined into one fund.

In June 2007, the county privately placed \$18.4 million of revenue bonds for courthouse improvements. All \$35 civil filing fee surcharge revenues received by the county subsequent to June 29, 2007, and any interest earnings thereon, are pledged to the payment of the bonds. All pledged revenues are remitted monthly to a trustee acting on behalf of the owners of the bonds.

There is no staffing associated with this budget unit.

BUDGET HISTORY



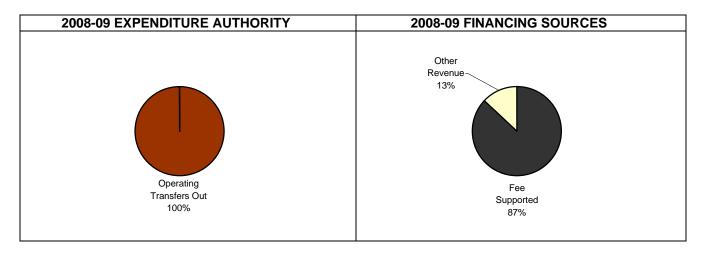
PERFORMANCE HISTORY

				2007-08	
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Modified	2007-08
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Estimate
Appropriation	-	-	-	15,576,967	15,421,096
Departmental Revenue	2,089,677	2,160,309	2,661,959	2,415,557	2,259,686
Fund Balance				13,161,410	

In accordance with Section 29009 of the State Government Code, the entire unreserved fund balance must be appropriated each year. For 2007-08, this budget unit will transfer all civil filing fee revenues and interest earnings received to the bond trustee.



ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED BUDGET



GROUP: Law and Justice DEPARTMENT: County Trial Courts FUND: Courthouse Seismic Surcharge

BUDGET UNIT: RSE CAO **FUNCTION: General ACTIVITY: Plant Acquisition**

	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Estimate	2007-08 Final Budget	2008-09 Proposed Budget	Change From 2007-08 Final Budget
<u>Appropriation</u>							
Operating Transfers Out				15,421,096	15,576,967	2,702,000	(12,874,967)
Total Requirements	-	-	-	15,421,096	15,576,967	2,702,000	(12,874,967)
Departmental Revenue							
Fines and Forfeitures	1,948,557	1,857,981	-	-	-	-	-
Use Of Money and Prop	141,120	302,328	507,537	225,481	398,880	350,000	(48,880)
Current Services			2,154,422	2,034,205	2,016,677	2,352,000	335,323
Total Revenue	2,089,677	2,160,309	2,661,959	2,259,686	2,415,557	2,702,000	286,443
Fund Balance					13,161,410	-	(13,161,410)

Operating transfers out of \$2,702,000 reflects the amount of projected revenues to be transferred to the bond trustee.

Use of money and property is the estimate of interest earnings for 2008-09.

Current services of \$2,352,000 represent estimated revenues from collections of civil court fees.

